Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A belt drive for a machine for printing images on a flat printing material, comprising:

a belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt~~, said belt having a non-constant modulus of elasticity~~; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being ~~selected from a group consisting of inclined surfaces and~~ concavely curved surfaces.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The belt drive according to claim 1, wherein said stops remain stationary with respect to the belt revolving during operation.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The belt drive according to claim 1, wherein: said shaped surfaces are rotationally symmetrical stop surfaces in rolling contact with said edges.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A machine for printing images on flat printing material, comprising a belt drive including:

a belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt~~, said belt having a non-constant modulus of elasticity~~; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being ~~selected from a group consisting of inclined surfaces and~~ concavely curved surfaces.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A belt drive for a machine for printing images on a flat printing material, comprising:

a belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt

having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt;

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt; and

said shaped surfaces being concavely curved surfaces.